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The EPITAPH acknowledges the receipt from Major Fred W. Smith, Receiver of the Tucson Land office, of copies of nev desert land blanks which he states supercede all others. The blank affidavit of applicant is printed in this issue. It will be noticed that land can be entered as desert land which "will not, without artificial irrigation, produce an agricultural crop of any kind reasonably remunerative, and that will not, if unfed by grazing animals, produce native grasses sufficient in quantity to make an ordinary crop of hay in usual seasons." This is quite a change from the old ruling in favor of our county.

The attention of those newspapers which espoused the Tortilita Mining Company's scheme is called to the following, which shows conclusively the great injury done to the mining interests of the whole Territory of Arizona by the foisting of the worthless stock of that company on the eastern market. A gentleman of Globe, wishing to negotiate some valuable mining claims in this district, wrote to a New York broker to enlist his aid in placing the properties. The reply received was substantially that since the expose of the Tortilita swindle it was useless to attempt to sell any Arizona mines in New York.-Silver Belt.

The day is not far distant when the lands along the San Pedro river will be very valuable. Let Congress once settle the land grant question and our county will boom. As it is now, with titles in dispute, permanent improvements will not be made and settlers will hesitate long before occupying the land. If the Mexican titles are valid, they should be confirmed; if not valid, Congress should so declare and order the lands surveyed and open them to settlement under the various land laws. The present dilly-dallying course of our lawmakers is retarding the progress of the country. The attention of our delegate in Congress is called to the matter. Of course the people do not expect him to advise against confirming valid grants, but they do want the question settled one way or the other.

We would call attention to the able article in this issue, copied from the Globe Silver Belt, advocating the abandonment of military posts in the northern part of the Territory and the strengthening of those in the southern. The argupolicy advocated by General Miles of begging. An efficient sheriff in Mohave ments are unanswerable. If the wise have the troops placed where they can do the most good, and thus render the better protection to those brave pioneers who are making the desert blossom the rose. The EPITAPH warmly endorses the proposition of the Silver Belt, and trusts and believes that General Miles will make such a disposition of the troops in his command as will afford this protection.

Now that Hon. Mark A. Smith, our delegate to Congress, is at his post, the people of Arizona will expect him to use his best endeavors to redeem the promises made previous to election. The great and all absorbing question for Arizona is the development of water. We need Government aid in building immense storage reservoirs; we want a hydrographic survey of the territory, and artesian wells should be bored in different sections. From our knowledge of the Hon. Mark we believe he will leave no stone unturned in accomptishing these objects. If he should be successful, he will continue to be Arizona's favorite son. The following extract from a speech made by General N. A. Miles before the Society of Arizona Pioneers will give him some ideas which perhaps have not occurred to him:

"It is not belived, however, that all the measures of internal improvement have been exhausted. There is, indeed, much room for a higher and fuller development of that policy, and in opening new industries and giving occupation to labor. The British government, the richest of all Europe, has not only built railways through India, by which they are able to bring the products of that country into competition with those of our own country to the detriment of our farmers and producers, but they have wisely expended millions of British gold in developing water and in the construction of vast irrigating canals and storage reservoirs, by which they have made that remarkable country one of the most productive in the world. Surely there can be no reason why the United States should be outdone in national enterprise. While millions of dollars are appropriated for river and harbor improvements, pessibly it would be well to devote some attention to the vast area of the West, portions of which, though comparatively useless now, might be turned into busiest scenes of industry. It certainly cannot be expected that pioneers and settlers, who take up 160 acres of land as homesteads, must by private expenditure inaugurate a system of internal im-provements that would benefit the public domain still held by the Government."

DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS AND ABAN-DONMENT OF USELESS POSTS.

(From the Arizona Silver Belt.) Some years ago all of the then hostile Apaches, together with the peaceable Yumas and Mohaves, were placed upon the San Carlos Indian Reservation, and these Indians now number in all about five thousand persons. Constant conrol of their actions by the military authorities has been proven, under the now existing circumstances, to be practically impossible, and the question, what is best to be done with the Apaches, is one of great moment to the prosperity of the

neighborhood of that re ervation. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the Department of Arizona, presents a solution of this vexatious problem that is worthy of careful consideration. The conclusions reached in his policy are twofold; the first is, to seggregate the Indians into small communities, placing them far distant from each other, and upon and near some of the numerous military posts in the Territory that are now not needed for military purposes; the second is, to abandon all of the useless posts and concentrate the soldiery at and near San Carlos. He strongly advocates the former plan, as the one most feasible and economical, but the Lieutenant General of the Army and the Secretary of War seem disposed to differ with Gen. Miles, and in all probability, if anything is done at all, the second plan will be followed.

The experience of the last few years plainly shows that greater security from Indian depridations should be afforded by our Government. Since the various tribes were located on San Carlos it has seemed impossible to prevent Mr. Indian from paying a murderous visit to any part of Southeastern Arizona whenever fancy prompted. The scenes of his barbarity and cruelty were enacted within the boundaries of the counties of Graham, Gila, Cochise and Pima, while Northern and Western Arizona escaped the scourge of his bloody raids. From the character of the countryand the location of settled communities this will always be so until troops are so placed at to virtually surround the reservation. This concentration will necessitate an abandonment of useless posts, such as Verde and Whipple, and the establishment of at least one post on the western border line of San Carlos reserva-There are no Indians from whom

danger could be apprehended near Prescott, and Fort Whipple, one mile north of the town, and Camp Verde, forty-two miles east, for many years have been of no service in the military operations against the savages. The Hualapai tribe, numbering some two hundred and fifty men, women and children, are scattered along the line of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad from the Needles to Prescott Junction, and eke out a miserable existence by perty thieving and having the Apache Indians divided up county is all the force that is required into smaller bands and stationed in to control their actions. The Suppais, different sections of the country, should who live in Cataract creek canyon, some not be adopted, it would seem to be the eighty miles north of Ash Fork, situate been on friendly terms with the whites and are a quiet and peaceable tribe of to my knowledge, any placer, cement, Indians of strictly agricultural habits. The Moquis, who live in their me. villages in the northern section of Ap., che county, resemble the Suppais, and have never given the whites cause for alarm. Their fear of their neighbors, the powerful Navajos, who covet the Moquis' possessions, also acts as a check upon any possible warlike tendencies they might assume. The Navajos are under the supervision of the military authorities of Fort Wingate, N. M., and though a warike people, foresee a probable loss of their large and valuable herds of sheep, cattle and horses in the event of a war with the whites, and so are content to exercise a wise discretion upon their hostile

propensities. In view of these facts it is useless to further attempt an explanation of the wisdom shown in the second conclusion of Gen. Miles, and of the importance for the material progress of prosperity in Southeast Arizona, that ample security should be given to the people of that section by the abandonment of useless military posts in distant parts of the Territory, and a concentration of the soldiers near San Carlos.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 12, 1887. Special order No. 2 confirms the appointment of Comrade A. L. Grow, commander of the provisional department of Arizona, and convenes an encampment at Phenix on January 17th, for the purpose of organizing a permanent department. The provisional officers are: Commander A. L. Grow; S. V. C., Hampton Ellis; Atchinson; A. Q. M. G., A. B. Samp-

The provisional department was established by order of Commander-inchief Fairchild, under date of September 10, 1887.

One day this week Fred Bruner picked up a ten-dollar bill on the Postoffice floor and informed the postmaster that he had found something valuable, and to let him know if anyone came to inquire about it. Soon after Mrs. Hughes came and described the bill and it was promptly paid over to her by Mr. Bruner. While there is nothing remarkable about this, Mr. and Mrs Miller, of Minneapolis, it is safe to say there are a number of men in the camp would have quietly H. J. Peto and Miss Peto, of Chicago, pocketed the money and said nothing the latter coming to spend the winter

DESERT LAND ACT

Of March, 1877. How Desert Land Filings Should be Made.

...., of (town or city)...., county of...., and State (or Territory) of...., being duly sworn, on oath depose and declare: That I am a native born (or naturalized) citizen, (or have declared my intention to become a citizen) of the United States, of the age of years, and resident of, and by occupation a...., that my postoffice address is....., that I intend to reclaim a tract of desert land not exceeding one section or 640 acres, by conducting water upon the same within three years from date of entry, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1877, entitled "An Act providing for the sale of desert lands in certain States and Territories." The land which I intend to reclaim is situated in county, in theland district, and is described as follows to wit: The of section No. township No...., containingacres. I further depose and declare that I have made no other declara tion for desert lands nor any other entry under the provisions of said act, that I am not the assignee of any desert land claim, that I have made an actual person-

al examination of each and every legal subdivision of the land above described; that said land borders on (state what stream or body of water and describe the same).....and that there is through or upon said land (name and describe all water courses, spring or other body of water and describe same). that said that in cashing some warrants for Marland is not naturally irrigated or watered nor overflowed at any season of the year by the foregoing or any natural stream, spring, or body of water; that I expect to obtain my water supply to irrigate said land from that the character of he soil is , that said land will not, with out artificial irrigation, produce an agricultural crop of any kind reasonably renumerative, that said land will not, if unfed by grazing animals, produce native grasses sufficient in quantity to make an ordinary crop of hay in usual seasons, and there are no trees growing upon said land, and that it does not contain sufficient moisture to produce a natural growth of trees, that the same is essentially dry and arid land, wholly unfit for cultivation without artificial irrigation, that said land cannot be successfully cultivated without reclamation by conducting water thereon; that said said land has been hitherto unappropriated, unoccupied and unsettled, because it has been im-

that it is a fact well known, patent and orious, that the same will not, in its ural pondition, produce any crop, that no portion of said land has ever been reclaimed by conducting water thereon, that there are no lands in the vicinity of is tract, that are occupied by settlers a: I cultivated without artificial irrigation, that there is not to my knowledge, within the limits of said land, any vein or lode of quartz, or other rock in place, bearing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, copper, or any deposit of coal, that there is not within the limits of said la gravel, or other valuable mineral deposits or salines, that no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local customs or rules of miners or otherwise, that no portion of said land is worked for mineral during any part of the year, by any person or persons, that said land is essentially non-mineral land, and that my declaration therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to mineral land, timber land or ag.icultural land, but for the purpose of faithfully reclaiming the land above described by conducting water theron within three

possible to cultivate it successfully on

ecount of its dry and arid condition;

years from date of enty. My postoffice address is.....

NOTES. 1. If residence is in a city, street and

number must be given.

2. In case the partyhas been natural ized, or has declared his intention to become a citizen, a certified copy of his naturalization of declaration of intention, as the case may be, must be furnished.

3. When the entry is made on unsurveyed land, a correct diagram of the lands applied for, must also be furnished.

Supervisor Proctor, one of the incorporators of the Santa Cruz and Tucson Ditch Company, came in from Tubac yesterday, where the men are at work on the great ditch. The question of water supply for irrigating the broad acres in the valley of the Santa Cruz is no longer a vexed problem, as a great subterranean volume of water is well known under our burning sards, to rush onward to the sea. To bring that water to the surface and make it available has been publicly agi-J. V. C., Louis Burns; A. A. G., T. A. tated for the past ten years, but that too is in fair way of solution. A canal has been surveyed that will tap the river eight hundred feet higher than Tucson. Capital announces itself in readiness for investment, and men have been put to work in the excavations. This is business. Business means a canal, a canal means a bountiful supply of water and the reclama ion from the grasp of the desert of more than fifty thousand acres of as good hand as ever the sun shone on.

> -Citizen. Thursday's coach brought in Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. H. G. Howe, Minn., (relatives of H. G. Howe), Mrs. with her brother.

We desire to express our thanks to the many friends who, during our absence, beautified and rendered more comfortable our home by the use of paint, paper and carpet, and who welcomed us home from our pleasant visit East with a warm house and an inviting dinner These, with the many other acts of kindness be stowed upon us in the past, are duly appreci-

DANCING SOIREE.

MR. AND MRS. G. L. PEARSON.

Shepherd & Trevillian's regular weekly dancing soiree will be held this (Saturday) evening at Mining Exchange hall.

The People's Store (old Summerfield stand) has just received a large assortment of carpets, oil cloths, etc.

Dr. G. E. Goodfellow is a bigger man than the United States. The doctor bought a horse in Mexico that had been abandoned by the troops, and which had been seized and sold by the Mexican authorities. The army officers brought suit to recover the animal, and Judge Barnes decided that the Government had lost its title.

Bauer's butcher shop, opposite the EPITAPH office, has recently been newly fitted throughout. The walls have been astefully papered, the woodwork painted and the premises otherwise improved. Altogether it is a meat market that would do credit to a much more pretentious city than Tombstone.

By consent of both plaintiff and defendant, a new trial has been granted in the Ritter-Costello controversy. The case was this: County Treasurer Ritter claims tin Costello he overpaid him \$1003. Costello denied that he had been overpaid, which resulted in his being sued by Ritter for the amount. A jury of not quite ordinary intelligence in the District Court this week brought in a verdict in favor of Ritter for \$500. The effect of this verdict can be plainly seen, and of course neither party could consent to it.

A Washington special to the Herald says: James G. Blaine is expected to reach San Francisco on his return to the United States in June next. He will return via Japan. Five days after his arrival in San Francisco, the National Republican convention will be held. Blaine will remain in California until the nomination has been made. One of Mr. Blaine's party managers, who is an authority for the statement, says the Maine statesman will be renominated practically without opposition. His presence in Califormia will, it is believed, create so great a furore as to insure him the solid vote of the Pacific slope. The journey across the continent will be, according to the present programme, he greatest ovation ever accorded to an American statesman, except that of General Grant in 1879. Nebraska, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and New York will be visited by him en route to

The ladies of the Methodist congregation have been busy this week preparing the parsonage for the reception of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pearson, who have just newly papered, ceilings whitened, and new parlor carpet, the parsonage presents a very cosy appearance.

his home.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Governor's Proclamation. TERRITORY OF ARIZONA,

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Greeting: WHER AS, I am ir a ned that William C. Drake, late private, T.oop G., 4th Cavalry, was ound murder d. at Su ohur Springs, south of Wilsox, Arizona, on the 20th day of September as been discovered, Now, therefore, I, C. Meyer Zulick, Governor

of the Ter tory of Ari ona, by virtue of the authority in me verted, do her by offer proclaim a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and and conviction of the murderer or murderers of the said William C. Drake. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my

hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be hereto affixed. Done at Prescott, the Capital, this Twenty-sixth day of Noveml r, A. D. 1887. C. MEYER ZULICK. By the Governor: JAS. A. BAYARD,

Secretary of the Territory.

GRAND BALL

SCHIEFFELIN HALL

on the Evening of December 29th, 1887.

Committee of Ar. angements-G. S. Bradshaw. H. Campbell, Frank Ryan, A. J. Ritter, J. J.

Reception Committee-C. N. Thomas, C. D. Reppy, S. C. Eagg, L. W. Blinn, J. V. Vickers, B. Haitich, John Montz, Joseph Lippert, Chas. delgren, A. H. Stebbins, H. A. Tweed, W. D. Shearer, T. A. Atchison, Chas. Tribolet. Floor Committee-Manager, J. J. Nash; C. N. Thomas, G. S. Bradshaw, Geo. Myers, W.

Members of Engine Co., No. 1, are cordially nvited to atterd in uniform. All members of Rescue Hose Co., No. 1, will attend in uniform.

Tickets, admitting gentleman and Ladies, \$2.

NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of Cochise Chapter, No. 4, this (Saturday) evening, for work in the Mark degree. G. W. CHEYNEY, R. W. M.

C. D. REPPY, Secretary.

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Pioneer Times of California. Porter's Incidents of the Civil War. Mrs. Custer's Boots and Saddles. Government Reform. U. S. Civil Service Reform.

Henry George's Social Problems. Henry George's Protection and Free Trade Williams' Middle Kingdom, Mark Twain's Innocents Abroad. Mark Twain's Roughing it.

Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer. Mark Twain's Prince and Pauper, Mark Twain's Life on the Mississippi. Mark Twain's Huckleben y Finn. Sazarae Lying Club. Waverly Novels. Miss Cleveland's Book. Bret Hart's Maraja.

Bret Hart's Snow-Bound at Eagles. Bret Hart's Shore and Ledge. Bret Hart's Luck of Roaring Camp. Lovell's Fireside Travels. Howell's Indian Summer. Howell's Rise of Silas Lapham. Howell's "A Woman's Reason." Howell's "The Minister's Charge," Marion Crawford's Mr. Isaacs. Marion Crawford's American Politician. Marion Crawford's Zoreaster. Marion Crawford's Tale of a Lonely Parish.

Lew Wallace's Fair God. Lew Wallace's Ben Hur. Henry James' Princess Casamassima. Maude Howe's San Rorario Ranch. Craddock's Prophet of the Great Smoky M

Craddock's In the Clouds Mrs. Burnett's Through One Administration. Stockton's The Late Mrs. Null, Hammond's Lal. Helen Campbell's Mrs. Herndon's Income Howard's One Summer.

Helen Jackson's Zeph. Robert Grant's Knave of Hearts. Mrs. Dahlgren's Lost Name. Thompson's Love Extreme, Green's Hand and Ring. Howe's Moonlight Boy. Hardy's Wind of Destiny. Rose Terry Cook's Sphinx Children. McClelland's Oblivion. Jewett's Country o

Pendleton's Conventional Bohemian. Mary Foote's John Bodewin's Testimony. Hamilton's One of the Duanes. Keenan's Trajan. S. O. Jewett's A Marsh Island. Baylor's On Both Sides. Perine's Wayside Gleamings. Story's Fiammetta.

Van Vort's Without a Compass Hay's Story of Margaret Kent, Aldrich's Marjorie Daw. Wendel's Raukels Remains, Wendel's Duchess Remains,

The New King Arthur. Astor's Valentine Edna Lyall's Donovan Sheldon's Salammbo. Valera's Pepita Xmenez,

Balzac's Duchesse De Langease. Balzac's Pere Goriat, Balzac's Cousin Pons. Fenillet's Alliette.

Zola's L'Assommoir

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